

Quick weather forecast for Snow Surveyors. Please pass along to all that might be interested.

Look for another letter this afternoon for other topics, including a preview of tomorrow's snow survey measurements and current snowpack status!

The survey window usually runs for 10 days, out three days past the 1st of each month the surveys are conducted. Due to weather conditions, short breaks between storms, and possible avalanche hazard, that survey window may be extended a few days.

Here is a general timing forecast for Northern, Central and Southern Sierra locations.

The Northern Sierra will have a snow level between 3,000' and 4,000' with Thursday's system. It starts up again tonight, with heavy snow during the day tomorrow. Snow showers both Thursday night and Friday, with gradual clearing into Friday afternoon and night. Extended range puts snow showers in the forecast for Saturday, with heavier snow Saturday night. Snow continues into Sunday, with moderately low snow levels. Clearing Sunday night, with DRY conditions for both days Monday and Tuesday.

In the Central Sierra, look for snow levels between 3,500' and 5,000' on Thursday and Thursday night. Clear this evening, with snow coming in early Thursday. Snow for both Thursday afternoon and night, with overnight clearing into Friday morning. The break on Friday carries into Friday night. Snow showers Saturday, with heavy snow projected for Saturday night and Sunday, based on new model guidance. This is an update to earlier forecasts. The extended calls for clearing from Sunday night lasting through Tuesday.

For the Southern Sierra, the levels will be a bit higher; ranging from 4,500' to 6,000' during Thursday's system. Detailed timeline is for clear to partly cloudy tonight, with am snow showers developing. Thursday will be snowy, with a few rounds of stronger stuff Thursday afternoon and evening. Friday look for a few snow showers in the morning, but fairly rapid clearing during the day. This may not produce an entire day of dry weather for getting out, but it does pose an opportunity if skies clear up early Friday. Heavier snow comes back in, at this point, in the early afternoon Saturday, but the morning is dry. New model shows pretty heavy snow Sunday, then clearing late Sunday night. The outlook for Monday and Tuesday of next week is for dry conditions.

Again, at the end of the day today, look for another letter about several other topical subjects.

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